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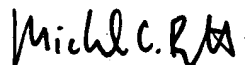
The claims have been amended without prejudice or disclaimer to manage claims fees. Claims 5, 10-12, 14, 16-26, and 35-46 have been canceled. Claims 1-4, 6-9, 13, 15, and 27-34 will be pending upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment. Applicant retains the right pursue the subject matter as originally claimed in this or future applications.

The filing fee has been calculated after amendment of the claims by the Preliminary Amendment.

It is believed that no fee is due with this communication, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/FOCH:002US .

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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